

Religious Education Program

Sunday, January 12th

Grades 1-7th from 9:15-10:15 AM

-Bible Study & Confession

Confirmation Students from 6-7:30 PM

-Enigma Escape Room

*Steubenville Retreat for high school students, Register ASAP

DIOCESAN MASS & VT RALLY FOR LIFE

Join us for Mass at 9:30am at St. Augustine in Montpelier on January 18th. Following Mass Vermont Right to Life will sponsor a prayerful walk to the Statehouse with a program to follow inside.

FINANCIAL NEWS FOR DECEMBER

Offertory	\$ 8,795
Donations	\$ 2,397
Christmas Flowers	\$ 722
Votive Candles	\$ 289
Retirement for Religious	\$ 490
Christmas Collection	<u>\$ 12,002</u>
Total	\$ 24,695

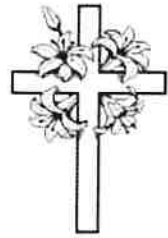
Next week's second collection will be for Catholic Education. Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

O, Mary, Immaculate Mother, we beseech you by the joy you experienced in the birth of Jesus, your divine Son, to take under your motherly protection all the babies not yet born. Obtain for them and all human life the grace to survive in this abortion oriented society. Watch over them always. Pray that from the very moment of conception, when they receive God's gift of life, their hearts and spirits pure and innocent may respond to the beating of the Eucharist's heart of Jesus and attach themselves to Him forever.

**Vermont Right to Life Rally
March to the State House in Montpelier**

If you are unable to walk this distance and still want to support Vt. Right to Life, we are planning an alternative prayer service from 10AM to Noon, on Saturday, January 18th at Blessed Sacrament Church in Stowe. The Shrine of Our Lady, Mother of the Unborn, welcomes all to pray for unborn babies. We can unite our prayers with those on the march for an end to abortion. We will meet at Most Holy Name Parish parking lot on Saturday, 1-18-2020 at 9AM. We should return about noon. If you need a ride, or would like to car pool please let the office know, or call Guy and Pat Roberge at 696-2465.



**Mass Schedule &
Intentions
Baptism of the Lord
January 11th ~
17th, 2020**

1/11 SATURDAY VIGIL:

Baptism of the Lord

4:30pm *The People of the Parish*

1/12 Baptism of the Lord

8:00am *Intentions of Gabriel Escudero Otero*

10:30am *Daniel Collins*

1/13 MONDAY

7:30am *Adoration*

8:30am *Intentions of Frank Sarro*

1/14 TUESDAY

11:00am *Adoration*

12noon *Special Intentions*

1/15 WEDNESDAY ~ NO MASS @BSC

8:15am - *Bishop Marshall School*

1/16 THURSDAY

4:30pm *Adoration*

5:30pm *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

1/17 FRIDAY

7:30am *Adoration*

8:30am *Intentions of Jack Moreschi*

NEIGHBORS FEEDING NEIGHBORS

Every Sunday will be Food Shelf Sunday.

Please remember to bring in a food

donation to Mass for the Lamoille

Community Food Share. The basket is in

the back of the church! Thank you for

your generosity!

Dear Parishioners,

Still on a note of gratitude: Fr. Jon and I are still very grateful for your generosity to us during the season of Christmas. Your love is overwhelming. May God continue to bless you for your sacrifices. We are immensely grateful. On a personal note, I got some gifts without traces of who and how to show my appreciation. I am making personal notes to each individual, to show that your sacrifices have a place in my heart. If you do not get any message before the end of January, it is because I have no names nor address where to send my note of gratitude. I will be glad to do so, to show that I am grateful because God created us to grateful creatures.

This Sunday is the Baptism of the Lord, and also the end of the Christmas season. Baptism is the foundation of all other sacraments because it is on it that others are built. Before one is admitted into the other six, one must first receive Baptism. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC n. 1213) "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (vitae spiritualis ianua), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments." To begin His public ministry, the Lord began with baptism. The journey of the Christian faith begins with Baptism. During the Baptism, a voice spoke from heaven acknowledging Jesus as the beloved Son, the Holy Spirit also descended on Him in the form of a dove. This same experience is repeated whenever Baptism is taking place. "The Baptism that the Lord receives takes place in the context of John the Baptist's penitential preaching. The ritual act of being immersed in water, offered by the Precursor, was an outward sign of repentance for sins committed and of the desire for spiritual renewal." St. John Paul II, Sunday 9 January 2000. But Jesus does not need Baptism, rather it was "to fulfil all righteousness," (C.f. Matthew 3:15). This is to give us an understanding of how important Baptism is, and also shows that the mission of Christ was to purify humanity of their sins.

As people of God who are baptized into Christ, may we remember that we become a broader family by Baptism. Let us therefore purify ourselves of things that are against the spirit of the Baptism we received. God bless you!

Fr. Joseph Chukwugozie Ikegbunam